

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments are requested regarding; whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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Food and Nutrition Service

TITLE: WIC Infant and Toddler Feeding Practices Study-2 (WIC ITFPS-2): Year 9 Extension

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0584-0580

SUMMARY OF COLLECTION: The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-296, Sec. 305) mandates programs under its authorization, including WIC, to cooperate with USDA program research and evaluation activities. The USDA Food and Nutrition Service's (FNS) WIC ITFPS-2 provides information on the feeding practices of children who received WIC benefits, from birth up to 6 years of age. The proposed data collection will extend the longitudinal data collection of the current cohort of study participants for one more interview at nine years of age, four years after the end of their eligibility for WIC services. This proposed extension is needed to understand the nutrition, health outcomes, and family feeding practices of school-aged children in the period after WIC program eligibility ends.

NEED AND USE OF THE INFORMATION: The results will assist in the development of appropriate and effective prevention strategies to improve the health of young children. With nearly 45 percent of US infants participating in WIC, it is hoped that prevention strategies implemented in WIC will have a substantial impact on the growth and health of U.S. infants and children.

The data will be used to estimate the type and prevalence of various feeding practices among children who received WIC program benefits, after their program eligibility ends.

This study will also examine the circumstances and influences that shape caregivers'

feeding decisions for their children, and will describe the impact of childhood WIC participation on subsequent dietary and health outcomes. In addition, the study will

examine if those who left the longitudinal study are fundamentally different from those

who remain in the study.

DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS: Individuals/Households, State, Local, or Tribal

government, and Profit/Non-profit Business.

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS: 3,555

FREQUENCY OF RESPONSES: Reporting: Once, On occasion

TOTAL BURDEN HOURS: 5,627

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